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FM AMCONSUL CURACAO

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INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, NA

SUBJECT: DEN UYL DENIES TRYING TO SET NA INDEPENDENCE DATE

FOR: ARA/CAR - WAUCHOPE AND BURKE

REF: CURACAO 430 AND 440

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR HOLLAND, DUTCH PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL DENIED ANY ATTEMPT TO SET 1978 AS THE DATE FOR NA INDEPENDENCE. DEN UYL CLAIMED HE WAS MISQUOTED IN THE PRESS. HE SAID THAT HE EXPRESSED A WISH TO SEE THE NA BECOME INDEPENDENT BY THE TIME HE LEFT OFFICE BUT THAT DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN 1978 WHEN HIS PRESENT TERM EXPIRES, SINCE HE COULD REMAIN IN OFFICE CONSIDERABLY LONGER. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF SURINAM WOULD PUT THE GNA-NETHERLANDS RELATIONSHIP ON A NEW LEGAL BASIS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. NA PRIME MINISTER EVERTSZ IS QUOTED IN THE  
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SAME EDITIONS OF THE PRESS CALLING THE SETTING OF A

DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE AT THIS TIME AS "IRRESPONSIBLE."  
EVERTSZ' POSITION IS THAT WHEN CONDITIONS FOR NA  
INDEPENDENCE ARE FAVORABLE TO THE NA, THEN THE NA  
SHOULD INFORM HLLAND.

3. COMMENT: DEN UYL MAY HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED IN  
THE PRESS BUT CONGEN SOURCES INDICATE THAT HE TRIED TO  
PRESS THE GNA FOR AN INDEPENDENCE DATE,  
PREFERABLY BY 1978 THE GNA CABINET IS CONVINCED  
THAT DEN UYL CAME TO THE NA SEEKING A COMMITMENT TO  
A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND RETURNED TO HOLLAND  
DISAPPOINTED THAT HE COULD NOT GET ONE.  
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